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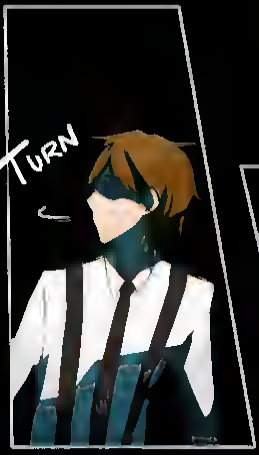
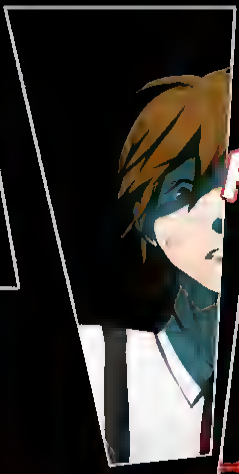
I SAW IT


TURN


PANIC

DASH!
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

RUNNING

TO?

SKID--
...

W-WHERE?!

WHERE IS IT?..
SHIVER

TURN

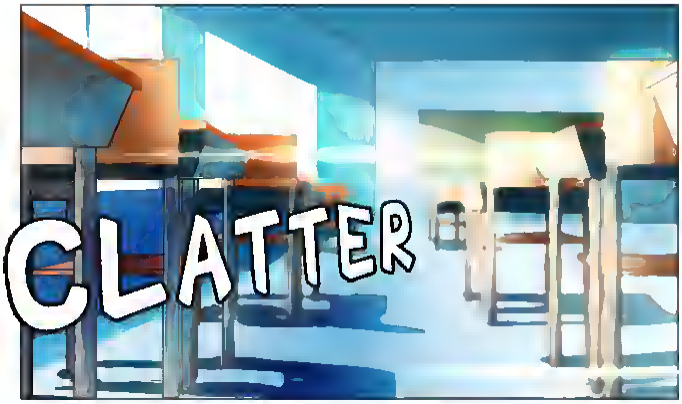
I
CAUGHT
YOU

DRIP
DRIP

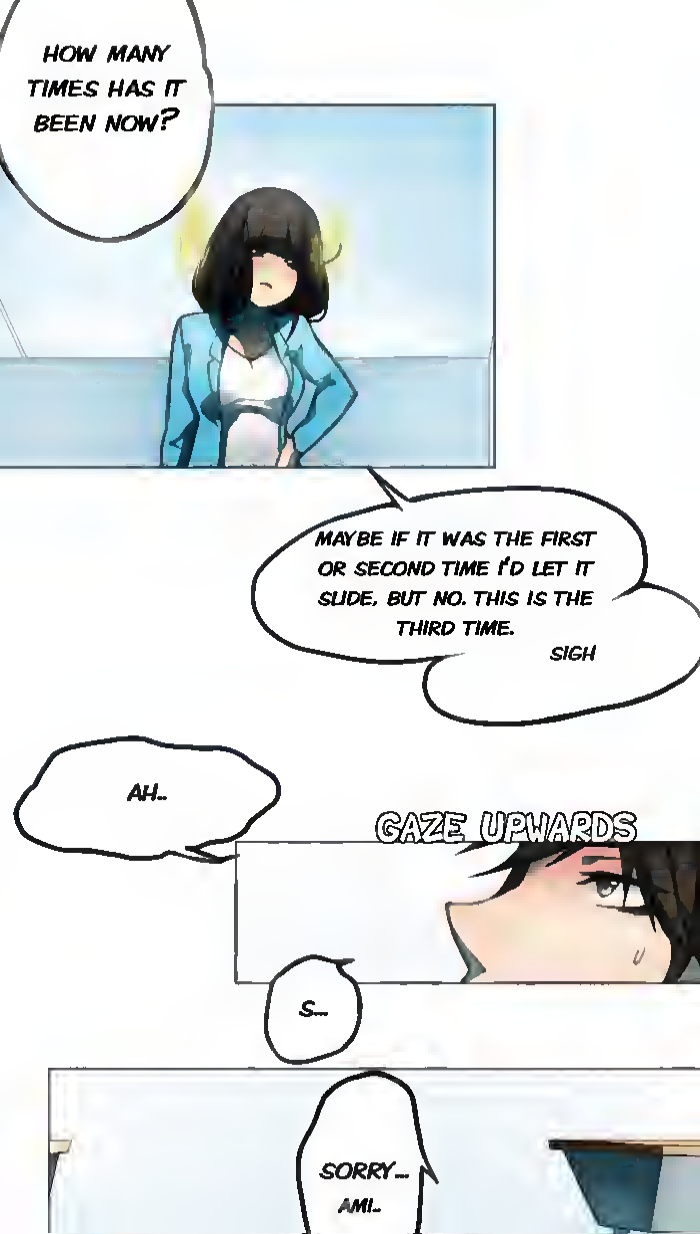
LEON?

!!

PUSH

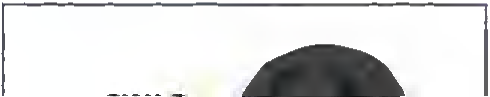

CLATTER

CRASH!!!
...
BAM


HOW MANY TIMES HAS IT BEEN NOW?
MAYBE IF IT WAS THE FIRST OR SECOND TIME I'D LET IT SLIDE. BUT NO. THIS IS THE THIRD TIME.
SIGH
AH..
GAZE UPWARDS
S...
SORRY... AMI..

FLUTTER
FLUTTER

POP
POP
JUST LIKE LAST TIME.
SLEEP IN CLASS, APOLOGIZE, SAY YOU WON'T DO IT AGAIN... HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO KEEP THIS UP?



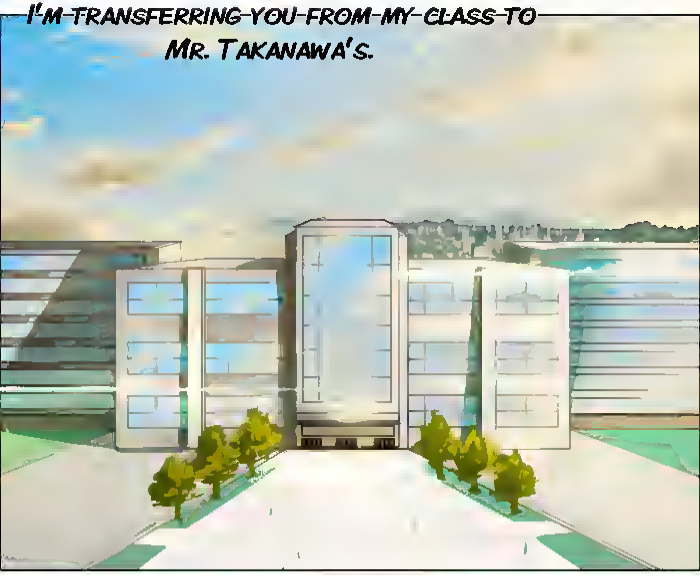
IT'S LUNCHTIME LEON. EVERYONE IS GONE NOW. GO EAT SOMETHING AND MAYBE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO STAY UP FOR THE NEXT CLASS.

BUT... BEFORE YOU GO I NEED TO TELL YOU SOMETHING IMPORTANT THAT I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT FOR A WHILE NOW.

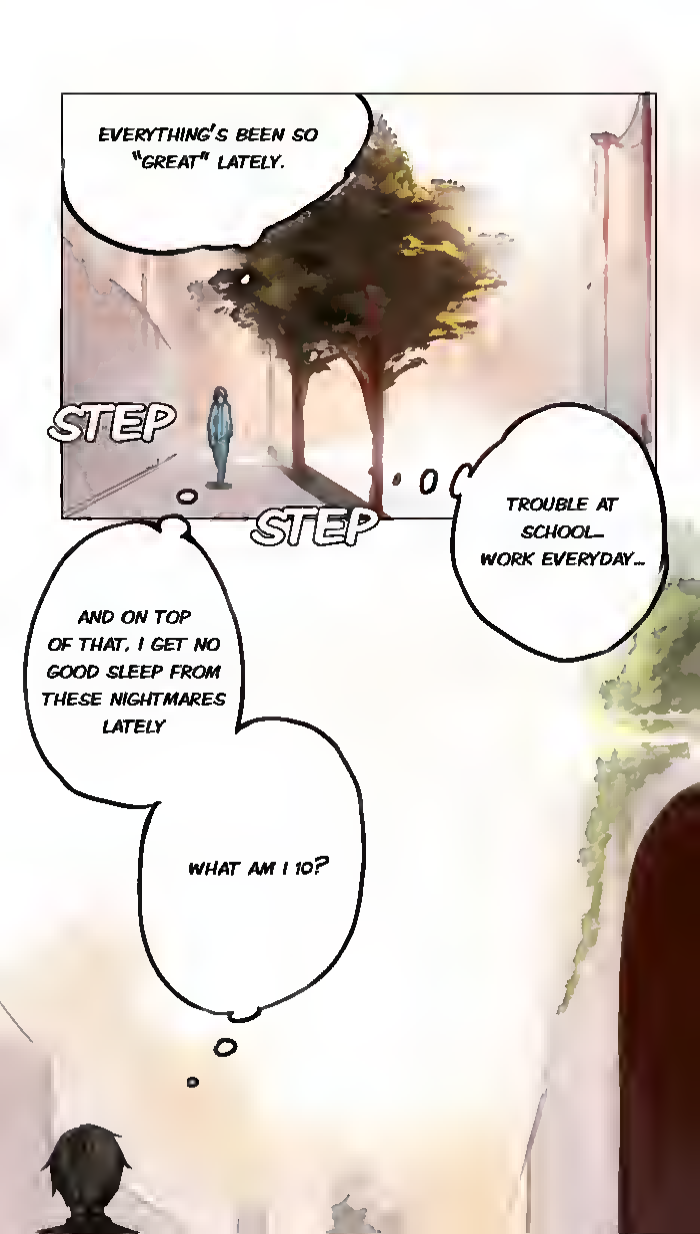
OBVIOUSLY MY METHODS OF REPRIMANDING AREN'T WORKING OUT SO GREAT.

I'M AFRAID THAT IF YOU KEEP THIS UP YOU'LL FLUNK OUT OF THIS CLASS.

BEFORE YOUR MOTHER LEFT, SHE MADE ME PROMISE I WOULD TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOU. NOW I'M GOING TO KEP THAT PROMISE TO HER SO...



I KNOW IT MIGHT COME AS A SHOCK TO YOU, BUT BELIEVE ME THAT I ONLY WANT THE BEST FOR YOU.
"THE BEST" FOR ME? AS IF SHE UNDERSTANDS HOW I FEEL.
HOW CAN SHE EXPECT ME TO EVEN SHOW UP TO SCHOOL NOW WHEN MY ONLY REASON TO COME IS PUSHING ME OFF LIKE SOME PROBLEM CHILD?


EVERYTHING'S BEEN SO "GREAT" LATELY.
STEP
STEP
TROUBLE AT SCHOOL... WORK EVERYDAY...
AND ON TOP OF THAT, I GET NO GOOD SLEEP FROM THESE NIGHTMARES LATELY
WHAT AM I 10?

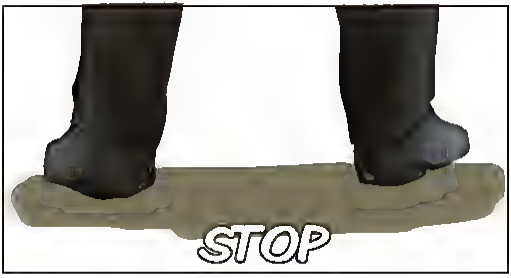
SOB
SOB
SOB
...
WELL AT LEAST I'M NOT GETTING BULLIED BY A BUNCH OF 10 YEAR OLDS I GUESS.
COME ON YOU BIG BABY!
NO LYLE, PLEASE. *HIC*
SOB
HIC

I DON'T WANT TO GO IN THERE!!
SOB
SOB
WAH!
HIC
WAH!
REX WAS EATEN IN THERE!
THE MONSTERS WILL EAT ME TOO!

WHAT?
REX AGAIN?!
TSK!
YOUR MOM IS GOING TO BE MAD THAT WE'RE LATE

YOUR DOG GOT HIT BY A CAR. NOT EATEN BY MONSTERS STUPID
C'MON LYLE. JUST LEAVE HIM
FIND YOUR OWN WAY HOME JULIAN

VROOM—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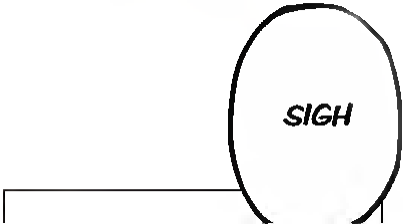
SIGH

I GUESS I'VE GOT A LITTLE TIME BEFORE WORK...

THIS LITTLE KID PROBABLY DOESN'T LIVE THAT FAR...

HEY KID

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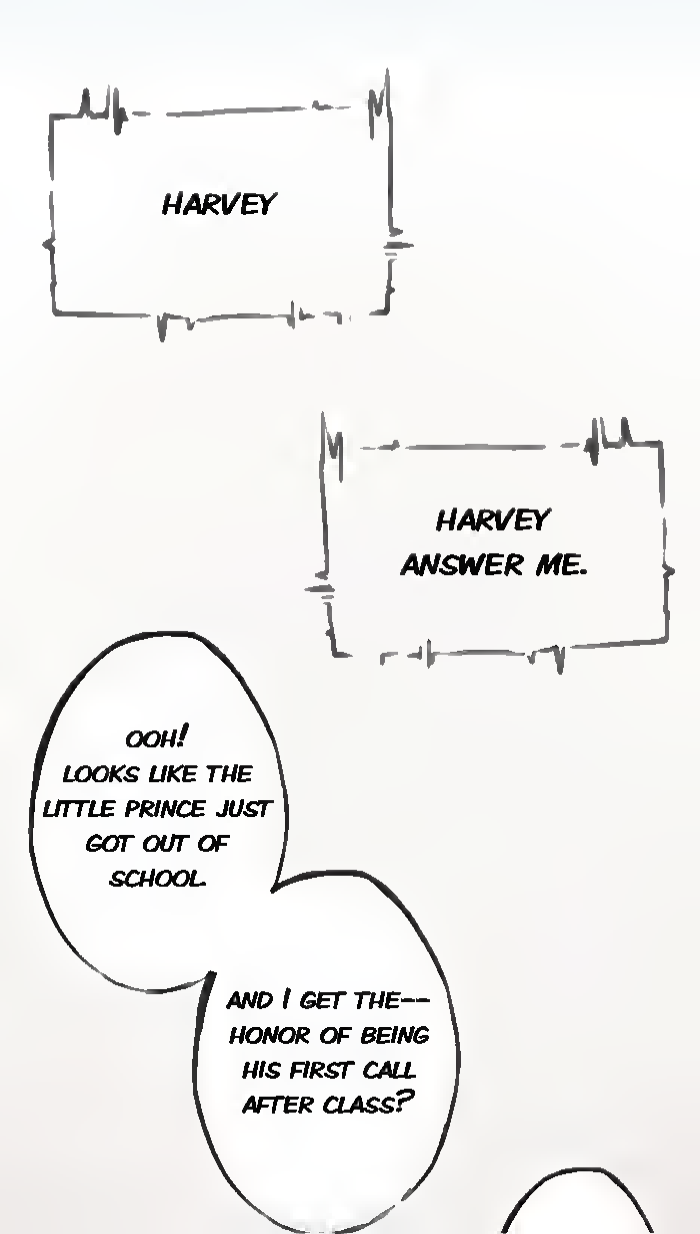
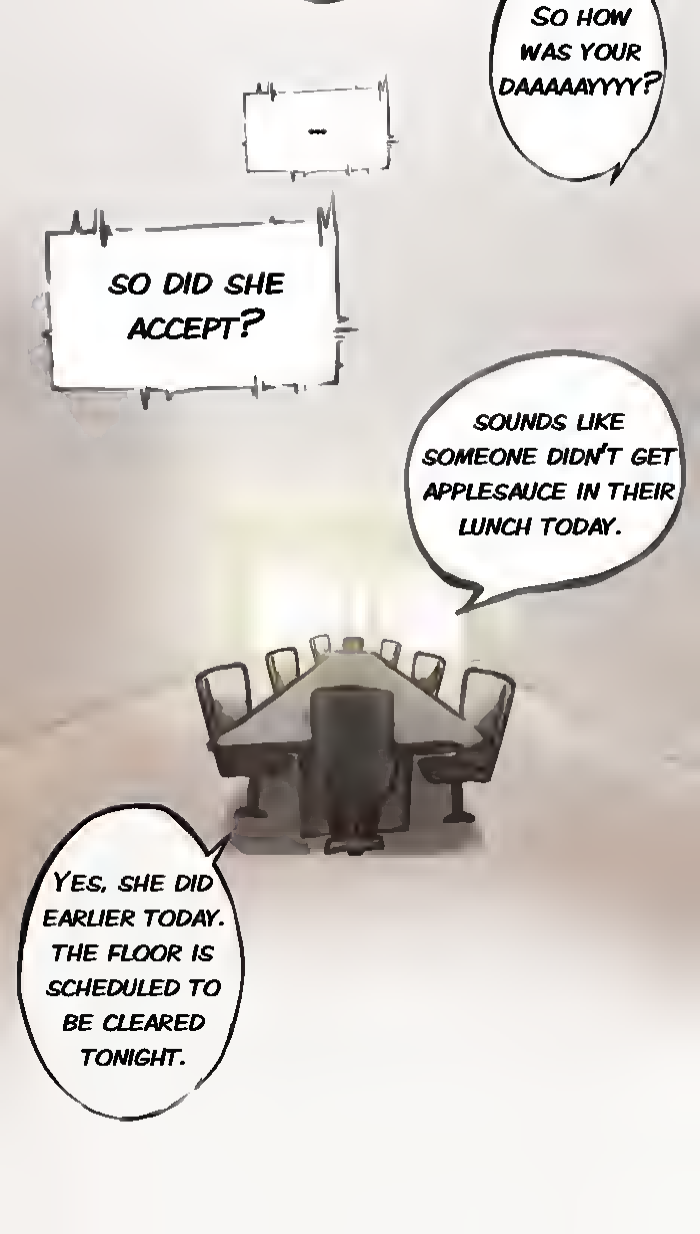
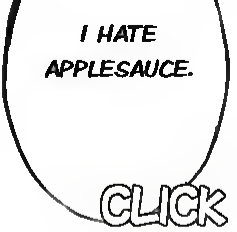
HIC


HARVEY
HARVEY
ANSWER ME.
OOH!
LOOKS LIKE THE LITTLE PRINCE JUST GOT OUT OF SCHOOL.
AND I GET THE-- HONOR OF BEING HIS FIRST CALL AFTER CLASS?


SO HOW WAS YOUR DAAAAAYYYY?
...
SO DID SHE ACCEPT?
SOUNDS LIKE SOMEONE DIDN'T GET APPLESAUCE IN THEIR LUNCH TODAY.
YES, SHE DID EARLIER TODAY. THE FLOOR IS SCHEDULED TO BE CLEARED TONIGHT.

PREPARATIONS WILL BE MET. JUST TELL ME WHEN YOUR HIGHNESS.

TONIGHT
AT 11.
BY THE
WAY HARVEY,



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